

Application Serial No.: 09/661,188

Attorney Docket No. 067220-0313070

In Response to Final Office Action mailed May 6, 2004

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 6, 2004 (Paper No. 23), claims 1, 4, 8-9, 12, 13, & 16 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled or newly added. Therefore, claims 1-16 remain pending. Support for the instant amendments is provided throughout the as-filed Specification. Thus, no new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following comments, allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement (I.D.S.)

1. A Supplemental I.D.S. was filed by Applicants on June 26, 2003. Applicants note that although a signed copy of the Form PTO-1449 for this submission was provided by the Examiner with the Office Action mailed November 14, 2003 (Paper No. 20), the references (2A-2G) on page 2 of the Form PTO-1449 were not initialed as having been considered. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide a signed and initialed copy of page 2 of the Form PTO-1449 for this submission with the next Office Action.

2. Applicants are submitting herewith a Supplemental I.D.S., and respectfully request that the Examiner provide a signed copy of the Form PTO-1449 for this submission with the next Office Action.

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Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,507,817 to Wolfe *et al.* ("Wolfe"). See Paper No. 23, pg. 2, ¶1. Applicants disagree with the rejections of claims 1-16 as set forth by the Examiner. However, solely in an effort to expedite prosecution, the claims have been amended to clarify various points of novelty over Wolfe.

In particular, independent claims 1 and 9 recite, *inter alia*, the features of generating a call request for a user from an active voice page and one or more style properties that are unique to the user, and placing an outbound telephone call to a voice-enabled terminal device of the user to initiate an interactive voice broadcast with the user. Wolfe does not appear to disclose *at least* these features.

By contrast, Wolfe appears to disclose a voice IP approval system that comprises a web-based voice messaging system for enabling text-based forms to be retrieved and acted on via a telephone. See Wolfe, *e.g.*, Abstract. For example, a blank form (*e.g.*, vacation request, cell phone or pager purchase request, purchase order, capital expense request, *etc.*) may be retrieved from a forms database 124 and presented by a web server 64' to a browser 56' for data input by a submitting party (the party seeking approval). The submitting party completes the form and posts the completed form to web server 64' for storage in a data store 122. See Wolfe, *e.g.*, col. 5, lns. 60+. While Wolfe does disclose generating an HTML document to present the form to a subscriber (or approving party) in an audible format with audible prompts, Wolfe does not appear to disclose placing an outbound telephone call to the subscriber (approver) to present the form to the subscriber once the submitting party posts the

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completed form to web server 64.' Rather, the completed form is placed in data store 122 until an HTTP request from a subscriber is received:

With regard to form approval, the *application server 66 receives*, via the web server 64, *HTTP requests from either a PC-based web browser 56* capable of supplying full media content (e.g., audio, text, images, and streaming video), *or a lightweight or proxy browser 62* configured for serving as an HTTP interface for a user input device, such as a telephone 18, having limited media capabilities (e.g., audio only).

See Wolfe, col. 6, lns. 14-25, *emphasis added*.

For *at least* the reason that Wolfe discloses converting a text-based form into an audible format upon receiving an HTTP request from a subscriber, and not placing an outbound telephone call to the subscriber (approver) to present the form to the subscriber, Applicants submit that Wolfe neither explicitly nor impliedly discloses Applicants' claimed feature of placing an outbound telephone call to a voice-enabled terminal device of the user to initiate an interactive voice broadcast with the user. As such, the rejection of independent claims 1 and 9 should be withdrawn.

Applicants submit that dependent claims 2-8 and 10-16 are allowable because they depend from allowable independent claims, as well as for the further limitations they contain.

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CONCLUSION

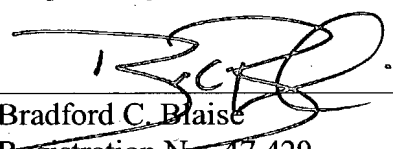
Having addressed each of the foregoing rejections, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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